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LB) Is Making a List Of Likely Scapegoats In Dominican Impasse

WASHINGTON, May 22-Presidential advisers are now looking for scapegoats to blame for the Dominican Republic mess. The fact that such a hunt is on is sufficient proof that the administration realizes the whole nett the whipping boy are really military intervention operation has been badly mis-after Mr. Mann. The latter is handled in its follow-through phases.

The effort to pin the blame Bissell Jr., and the then chair mingo in the first place.

sewhere than on President man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, There is an almost hysterical elsewhere than on President

Commentary On the News

White House doghouse been U. S. Ambassador W. Tapley Bennett Jr.; the new CIA; chief, Admiral William F. Raborn Jr., and Undersecretary of State Thomas C. Mann.

Long List Possible

It does not matter whether any of these three are actually culpable. There has to be a scapegoat list, even if, as at present, it is passed along sur-

reptitiously by officials whose tips usually re-flect the White House line.

Because the errors in judgment or misinterpretation of the Administration's program for bringing orou't of

involve Mr. Bennett diplomatic, military and intelli-gence agencies, the list of scapegoats could be pretty long.

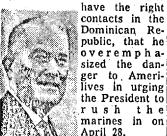
Certainly it could be more extensive than the roll of wrong guessers and blundering opera-tives in John F. Kennedy's Bay of Pigs fiasco in 1961.

Comparatively innocent high officials had to take the rap unofficials had to take the rap under secretary of State Mann The White House again insisted the fourth week of our intervender Mr. Kennedy in 1961, such is caught in the scapegoat hunt formally Friday that our troops tion, and no immediate solution as the then CIA head Allen mainly because he has been con-were in strictly a neutral posture is in sight. Dulles his deputy Richard M.

date the White House has shown individuals. no similar inclination,

Digs Aimed at CIA

nett is being blamed on various out for McGeorge Bundy, White vague counts: that he failed to



public, that he overemph asized the danger to Ameri-lives in urging the President to rush the marines in on April 28. Admiral'

Admiral Raborn born of the CIA is accused of making too emotional an appeal to the White House about the Communist threat. This charge, from ad-ministration sources that should know better, makes little sense. Admiral Raborn had just been sworn in on April 28 when Mr. Johnson ordered the marines in. The main CIA appeal for prompt action came from retiring CIA chief John McCone.

But the digs at Admiral Ra-born are basically aimed at the intelligence operation he heads. The State Department and Pentagon have consistently cast aspersions on the value of CIA

Mann's Views Respected

Undersecretary of State Mann

sidered more instrumental than any other adwiser in the President's decision to act at once. On hemispheric affairs his views have consistently carweight with LBI. The inside ad-



ministration intrigue in this scapegoat hunt has odd aspecis. Some of those trying to make Ambassador Benconsidered responsible for Mr.

Johnson has started with a rush Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer. But Mr. effort by those in the possible in the last 24 hours. The first Kennedy at that time accepted line of Presidential fire to pass proposed candidates for the the whole blame himself. To the buck to other agencies and

Bundy Is Blamed

For example, certain high in-Instead, Ambassador Ben- telligence officials have the knife



House national security adviser. Mr. Bundy blamed for the White House decision to send a special mission on a desperation basis to Santo Domingo last Saturday.

Mr. Guzman's left-wing status least on certain days of the week. was such as to have made him suspect, but it is held in intelli-gence circles here that the Bundy mission refused to accept this evaluation of Mr. Guzman.

On almost every aspect of the present messed-up situation, false notes have been struck here. What leaks out of the State Department, Pentagon or CIA privately has no relation to the White House level.

Short Stay Envisaged

Mr. Bundy in the Dominican Republic. All the evidence from the scene, inthe evidence from the scene, into end the fight-the evidence from the scene, into end the fight-the evidence from the scene, into evidence from the scene, into evidence from our paratroop-form a coalition scene ers and marines themselves and form a coalition government dicates our military is being close friend of exiled President the Bundy mission has been chummy status. Mr. Guzman's left-wing status.

> The buckpassing, the lack of official candor and all the backbiting going on here suggest only one thing. The President has found himself boxed in and is trying desperately to find a way out. What basically went wrong?

There is no argument about that. Mr. Johnson was led to believe that once we put, our statements issued publicly by troops ashore the whole mession the Administration even at the days with House land days with a temporary coalition. government operating to stabilize the country. Instead, this is